

**MINUTES  
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
FOR THE CITY OF THORNE BAY, AK  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY HALL**

**MONDAY  
October 16, 2017  
6:30 p.m.**

**The meeting was preceded by a workshop beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Carlson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG:

The council and audience stood for the pledge to the flag.

3. OATH OF OFFICE:

Seat C – Robert D. Hartwell (3-Year Term)

Robert D. Hartwell pledged his Oath of Office. City Clerk notarized the Oath of Office and retained for the files.

Seat E – James A. Gould (3-Year Term)

James A. Gould pledged his Oath of Office over the telephone. An original hardcopy of the signed Oath was in the City Clerk's possession. The City Clerk notarized the Oath of Office and retained for the files.

4. ROLL CALL:

Carlson, Slayton, Edenfield, Hartwell and Burger were present. Gould and McDonald attended by phone.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Carlson moved to approve the agenda as written. Slayton seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to approve the agenda as written

F/S: Carlson/Slayton

YEAS: Carlson, Burger, Gould, McDonald, Slayton, Edenfield and Hartwell

NAYS: None

STATUS: Motion Passed.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT:

Vice Mayor Harvey McDonald reported that the Inter-Island Ferry Authority had an At-large board member opening and DeeDee Jeffries from Coffman Cove was nominated. McDonald informed the council and public, that if they had someone they wished to nominate for the at-large seat, to notify City Hall.

7. CITY ADMINISTRATOR & CLERK REPORT:

**Wayne Benner, City Administrator, read the following report:**

**Meetings Attended and Updates:**

- A. Met briefly Tue with Craig City Administrator to discuss POWLAT grant, SEASWA, Sales Tax Collections and elections

**Tasks and Projects:**

- A. Been busy week shuffling papers and working on personnel issues

**New Business:**

- A. Appointment of Mayor - Teri will provide information on this item.
- B. Appointment of Vice Mayor - Teri will provide information on this item.
- C. I have spoken with Pat about a Partnership with SeAlaska and the Yellow Cedar project and believe this is a good project. I think acknowledging the intent to participate would be step one. Once there is a plan in place the City can better determine what direction they wish to take in assisting with this project.

**Harbors and Parks:** Water is scheduled to be shut off at harbor mid-October to first of November. Hopefully it can stay on until the fishing and cucumber boats leave.

**Streets and Roads:** Max is still off and may be off for a while as he is still waiting for an MRI. James and Josh are picking up the slack in areas where they can help.

**Water and Sewer:** Working on getting the roads around the manhole and water leak repairs patched. Reviewed the Draft Utility Business Plan DOWL put together for VSW and sent back comments. The plan shows that increase operating expenses should be covered by utility rates.

**Solid Waste:** The Solid Waste site has been busy with scrap metal and a few cars arriving.

**Law Enforcement:** Buck was back but sent back to Kake.

**FIRE/EMS:** Again good news with little activity

**Library:** Lana is back at the library.

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**City Clerk Report: Teri Feibel, CMC, commented on the following:**

**Appointment of Mayor and Vice Mayor.**

There were two councilmembers that had completed a declaration of interest for the office of Mayor (which is a two-year term) and submitted to the Clerk.

Since two councilmembers were interested in the appointment, the City Clerk requested that each City Council Member write down the name of the Candidate of which they wish to nominate for the Office of Mayor.

The City Council will then make a motion to appoint the candidate which received 4 nominations. Once a motion is made, the City Council will second the motion and then vote.

The Councilmember which receives at least 4 votes, will be appointed as Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay for a two-year term expiring in October of 2019.

**City Clerk report continued:**

**Vice Mayor Appointment:**

Only one councilmember declared interest in the office of the Vice Mayor, which is a 1-year term. If no other nominations are given during the meeting, the City Council will make a motion to appoint the Councilmember whom declared candidacy, and then vote on the appointment.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

9. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

There were no council comments.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Appointment of Mayor for a 2-Year Term, or remainder of the Councilmembers current term, whichever is less, discussion and action item:

Slayton moved to appoint James Gould as Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay. Hartwell seconded the motion. At the opening of this agenda item, the City Clerk requested that each councilmember write down the name of the candidate of which they wish to nominate and appoint as Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay. The two councilmembers which had declared interest in the Mayor Office, were James Gould, and Robert Hartwell. The City Council submitted their nominations to the Clerk and the Clerk read each one for the record. James Gould received 4 nominations and Robert Hartwell received 3 nominations.

MOTION: Move to appoint James Gould as Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay  
F/S: Slayton/Hartwell  
YEAS: Edenfield, Carlson, Slayton, Gould, Hartwell, McDonald, and Burger  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

- B. Appointment of Vice Mayor for a 1-Year Term, discussion and action item:

Slayton moved to appoint Harvey McDonald as Vice Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay. Hartwell seconded the motion. There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Move to appoint Harvey McDonald as Vice Mayor for the City of Thorne Bay  
F/S: Slayton/Hartwell  
YEAS: McDonald, Edenfield, Burger, Carlson, Gould, Hartwell and Slayton  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

C. City Council approval for the City of Thorne Bay to Partner with SeAlaska for the Yellow Cedar (Cypress) Rooted Cutting Project, discussion and action item:

McDonald moved for the City of Thorne Bay to enter into a partnership with SeAlaska for the Yellow Cedar (Cypress) Rooted Cutting Project. Hartwell seconded the motion.

Patrick Tierney presented the project specifications to the City Council and the need for support and partnership from surrounding communities. The flyer provided to the City Council by Mr. Patrick Tierney, is attached to the minutes. McDonald inquired what the natural range was for the Yellow Cedar was. Tierney replied that they grew along the West Coast through California through Yakutat Alaska. Tierney stated that Yellow Cedar was currently being reviewed for adding to the endangered species list, although he was not completely in agreement that they were endangered at this time. Hartwell inquired what would happen if Yellow Cedar was put on the endangered species list. Tierney if Yellow Cedar was on the endangered species list it would affect logging, they would not be able to be cut, limit firewood source for people, and Natives would not be able to use them for their carvings. There was further discussion.

MOTION: Move to enter into a partnership with SeAlaska for the Yellow Cedar (Cypress) Rooted Cutting Project  
F/S: McDonald/Hartwell  
YEAS: Burger, McDonald, Carlson, Gould, Hartwell, Slayton and Edenfield  
NAYS: None  
STATUS: Motion Passed.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council May adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing pending or threatened lawsuits in which the city has an interest, which are matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have adverse effect upon the finances of the city.

There was no executive session held.

12. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

13. CONTINUATION OF COUNCIL COMMENT:

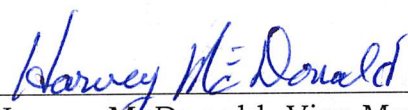
There were no council comments.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Carlson adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Teri Feibel, CMC

  
Harvey McDonald, Vice Mayor  
For James Gould, Mayor



February 2017  
Patrick J Tierney, Silviculturist

Would the City of  
Thome Bay be willing  
to become a Partner  
with Sealaska to support  
this educational  
project?

## Yellow Cedar (Cypress) Rooted Cutting Project

### SEALASKA

In keeping with Sealaska goals for outreach, environmental education and workforce development, the Sealaska Yellow Cedar Steckling (rooted cutting) demonstration project is meant to assist with environmental education using a local perspective and a hands-on approach which will serve to demonstrate the process to potential suppliers of native seed and plants that are sorely lacking for our local area.

Seed collection efforts are labor intensive and have failed in recent years due to poor cone crop. Vegetative reproduction of the species is an alternative to seed collection. There is a strong desire to maintain the species on the landscape and provide opportunities for assisted migration of the species in view of climate change and yellow cedar decline. Vegetative propagation of yellow cedar is possible with environmental controls commonly found in greenhouse facilities. Southeast Island School District has greenhouse facilities and a natural resource curriculum already in place. This project is an ideal fit with these current educational opportunities at the grade school and high school levels.



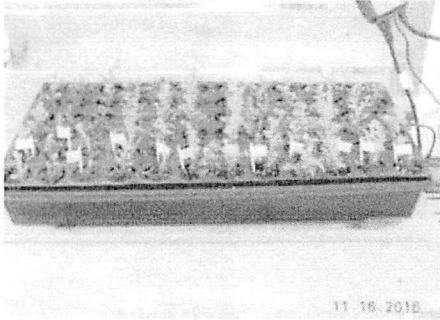
Faded Yellow Cedar

Reasons for the project are explained using an ecological framework, highlighting the importance of this tree species both industrially and culturally. Students will have the opportunity to study the identifying characteristics of the common conifers on POW and will

quickly move to the morphological difference in leaf form among our cedars, both red and yellow. Students will work, hands-on with young yellow cedar seedlings gathered from the wild and take cuttings, treat them with rooting hormone and place them in a small, portable hothouse tray to root.



Students Working with Cuttings



Rooting Tray

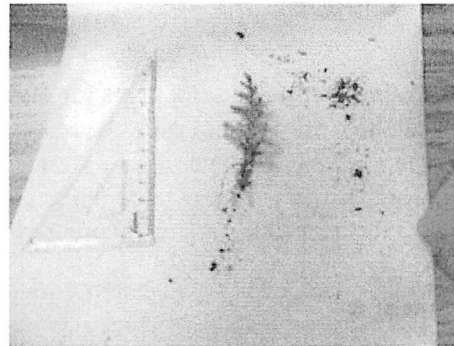
Students will care for the young cuttings for 6 to 8 weeks, documenting their daily observations and care of the cuttings (misting, watering, recording temperatures).

At the end of the demonstration trial (6 to 8 weeks) students will examine root development, take measurements and document the results. Students will be encouraged to think of ways to improve the process. Students can then transplant the rooted

cuttings for show, sale, gifting, or held for additional growth. Some stecklings will be kept and hedged to produce future cutting material.

Participating schools that do not have greenhouse facilities will be focused towards production of over the counter style product using a 2.5" to 4" diameter and 4" to 5" deep nursery pots in flats. Schools that have greenhouse facilities may be focused toward production of industrial tree plugs using forestry trays or other appropriate growing containers.

Sealaska will provide the initial hothouse kit, a small starter supply of growing containers and other materials as part of the project.



Rooted Yellow Cedar Steckling

This project contributes to the long term objective of developing the local workforce and

attempts to address the lack of supply for native plant materials, beginning with yellow cedar seedlings.



Greenhouse Propagation Chamber (Example)

The project also hopes to encourage local entrepreneurs who may be considering a greenhouse operation to consider supplying local native plant materials for habitat rehabilitation, restoration or improvement and reforestation projects.